GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7518
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FERRO ALLOYS TRANSPORTATION SCAM
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurious Ferro Alloys is being transported into Bhilai Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigations has been carried on the varacity of the irregularities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether action has been initiated against the culprits;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)to(d): Based on information received , a surprise inspection of the material transported by two trucks from Maharashtra Electrosmelt Limited (MEL) was conducted .On analysis of samples drawnfrom these trucks ,it was found that the material did not conform to the specification of silico manganese. After preliminary investigation, an FIR has been lodged with the local police. BSP management has also reported the matter to CBI / Jabalpur for investigation. The outcome of investigation by the agencies is awaited.

(e)to(g): Involvement of Bhilai Steel Plant employees in the matter is under investigation. As a preventive measure, five officials of Bhilai Steel Plant have been placed under suspension and six officials transferred to other departments.